

IRISH LASER ASSOCIATION RANKING SYSTEM

The following “rolling” ranking system has been agreed between the Irish Laser Association (ILA) and the Irish Sailing Association Olympic Group (ISAOG). This ranking system will be applied, separately, to each of the Standard, Radial and 4.7 rig fleets. The ILA will be responsible for updating and publishing all three Ranking Lists.

1. This ranking system will be used for selection for Standard Rig Laser European and World Championships, ISAF Grade 1 Events and Pre-Olympic Regattas.

2. Standard Rig sailors will be eligible for Notional Average Placings (see paragraph 9) in respect of their attendance at ISAF Youth Worlds.

Laser Radial and 4.7 Rig sailors will be eligible for Notional Average Placings (see paragraph 9) in respect of their attendance at Laser European and World Championships for their appropriate rig.

3. This ranking system applies only to those sailors who have, or have had, Ireland as their normal place of sailing and who are current members of the ISA (or their appropriate National Authority) and of the Irish Laser Association. Such persons are described hereafter as “Irish Sailors”.

4. “Designated Events” are defined as being the Irish Laser National and Provincial Championships. Points will be allocated to the top 25 finishers overall in each of the Provincial Championships using a “High Points” scoring system (1st. place = 25 points, 2nd.= 24 points 25th. place = 1 point, 26th. and below = 0 points). For a National Championship points will awarded for the overall placings in that championship using the same system except that the points will be increased by 50% (1st. place = 37.5 points 25th. = 1.5 points).

Overall placings achieved by boats sailed by persons who are not Irish Sailors will be disregarded for the purposes of awarding points to Irish Sailors.

5. The “Qualifying Series” is defined as the most recently completed National Championship and the four most recently completed Provincial Championships. Each Irish Sailor’s score shall be the total of their points gained for each of the appropriate five Qualifying Events excluding their worst two scores. If a sailor has three or more equal worst points scores the two earliest in the Qualifying Series shall be excluded. The sailors are ranked with the sailor having the highest number of points placed first and the others ranked accordingly.

The Ranking List is “rolling” in that the specific championships that constitute the Qualifying Series roll forward each time a new Designated Event is completed.

6. Nominations for the events described in paragraph 1 will be made based on the Ranking List immediately following the most recent Designated Event that took place at least three months before the date of the first day of registration for the international event for which nomination is being made. The foregoing shall apply unless specifically varied by the ILA or the ISAOG. Advice of any such variation will be available, on request, from the ISA and the ILA from 1st February in the year it will take effect. It may also be posted on the ISA and the ILA websites (www.sailing.ie & www.laser-ireland.com).

7. In the event of a tie on total points (using each boat’s best three points scores only) the tie will be broken in favour of the boat which has the most first placings overall at each of the five Designated Events constituting that Qualifying Series, or, if necessary the most seconds, etc.

If this method fails to break the tie it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the better overall placing gained in the most recent Designated Event in which either or both boats competed.

When breaking a tie involving an Irish Sailor who has been awarded one or more Notional Average Placings those placings shall be treated as though they were overall placings earned at the event.

8. In order to allow some travel and acclimatisation time each of the events described in paragraphs 1 and 2 will be deemed to last from a specific number of days before the start of registration for the event until the same number of days after the completion of the event. Eligible Irish Sailors will be deemed to be representing Ireland for the entire period.

For events within Europe the period is 5 days and for events outside Europe the period is 8 days, before and after the events described in paragraphs 1 and 2.

9. An Irish Sailor who misses one or more Designated Events (as defined in paragraph 4) because they are representing Ireland at any of the events covered in paragraph 1 or 2 will, on written request to the Hon. Secretary, be awarded a Notional Average Placing (and thus the appropriate points) for each event that they missed for this reason. Notional Average Placings will not be awarded unless the Irish Sailor competes in at least two of the appropriate Qualifying Events. For the purposes of this ranking system a sailor who does not compete at an event shall be deemed to be placed 26th. at that event.

Notional Average Placings will be calculated by taking the average of the boat’s best three overall placings obtained at the other four Designated Events in that Qualifying Series. The calculation shall be made to one decimal point and results that are not already whole numbers shall be rounded to the nearest whole number, with 5 or more tenths being rounded up. Points will then be awarded as described in paragraph 4.

10. A Junior is an Irish Sailor who is under 18 years of age on 1st January of the current year. Juniors will be awarded points based only on their overall placings within the top 25 of the total fleet at any Designated Event.

11. Once an Irish Laser Sailor has qualified to go to the Olympic Games that person will be automatically placed at the top of the Laser Ranking List irrespective of their actual points. Immediately following an Olympic Games that sailor will be placed on the Laser Ranking List according to their points..

12. The ISAOG reserves the right to take other factors into account (such as, but not exclusively, card holding status) when making its nominations.